

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1785

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing de minimis use of state resources to provide information about programs that may be authorized payroll deductions.

**Sponsors:** Representatives S. Hunt, Kristiansen and Ryu.

**House Committee on Government Operations & Elections**  
**Senate Committee on Governmental Operations**

### **Background:**

It is a violation of state ethics laws for a state officer or state employee to employ or use any person, money, or property under the officer's or employee's control or direction or in his or her official custody, for his or her private benefit or for the benefit of another. Occasional but limited use of state resources (de minimis exception) is allowed if there is no actual cost to the state or the cost to the state is so small as to be insignificant or negligible.

A state or other public employee may authorize payroll deductions for medical and hospital care; life, accident or health insurance; or retirement plans. Businesses selling these insurance products typically ask permission to use state facilities to contact state employees.

### **Summary:**

A provider of payroll deduction programs may use state facilities to provide employees with information about programs, such as:

- medical, surgical, and hospital care;
- life insurance or accident and health disability insurance; or
- individual retirement accounts.

### **Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0
Senate	48	1

**Effective:** June 12, 2014

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